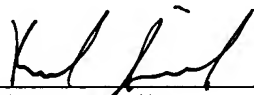


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**RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION OF OCTOBER 5, 2005**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office action dated October 5, 2005, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. This response is timely filed as it is accompanied by a Petition for a one month extension of time and requisite fee, extending the response deadline to Sunday, February 5, 2006.

**The Status of the Claims** is reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.